



Years ago, there was in this country only the Cambridge Zen Center and the Providence Zen Center. Dae Soen Sa Nim used to split his time. He used to come up to Cambridge and study English, and he used to spend more of his time in Providence hanging out. He spent time every week at both centers. Then, all of a sudden, somebody invited him down to Yale and before we knew it, there was a center down in Yale. And then to New York. And we blinked, and there was a center in New York. And then in Cambridge, we started doing a little thinking. We said, geez, it used to be he came all the time, and now he goes to New York a lot and to New Haven a lot. And then, all of a sudden, a center sprung up in California. And then we were told that he was going to spend two months on the east coast, two months on the west coast, and we started seeing him maybe once a quarter. And we all got energy up. "He's our teacher and he never comes to see us!" And some people left the center, and some people just walked around. *[laughter]* And other people said, "It's not fair."

So one day, Soen Sa Nim came to Cambridge and we went in to see him. We were being very clever, of course, and we said, "Soen Sa Nim, you never come here as much anymore. So who is our teacher, if you never come here?"

No hesitation whatsoever. He said, "The practice and together action. What's the problem?"

We still have that.

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